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INVESTIGATION SUMMARY
IAB CASE #IV 2243426

COMPLAINANTS: NONE

SUBJECT: **ANDRE CURRY**, Deputy Sheriff #[redacted]
West Hollywood Station

LOCATION: West Hollywood Station

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: October 29, 2007, at approximately 1948 hours.

DATE OF DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION: March 26, 2009

ALLEGATIONS

1. 3-01/030.05 – General Behavior.
2. 3-01/030.10 – Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders.
3. 3-01/040.85 – Cooperation During a Criminal Investigati n
4. 3-01/050.10 – Performance to Standards

Subject Curry caused a false stolen vehicle report (CHP-180) to be written and processed, knowing the circumstances indicated in the report were untrue. An insurance claim was made for the reported stolen vehicle. During the criminal investigation into insurance fraud, Subject Curry's initial statement to insurance investigators was not truthful.

SYNOPSIS

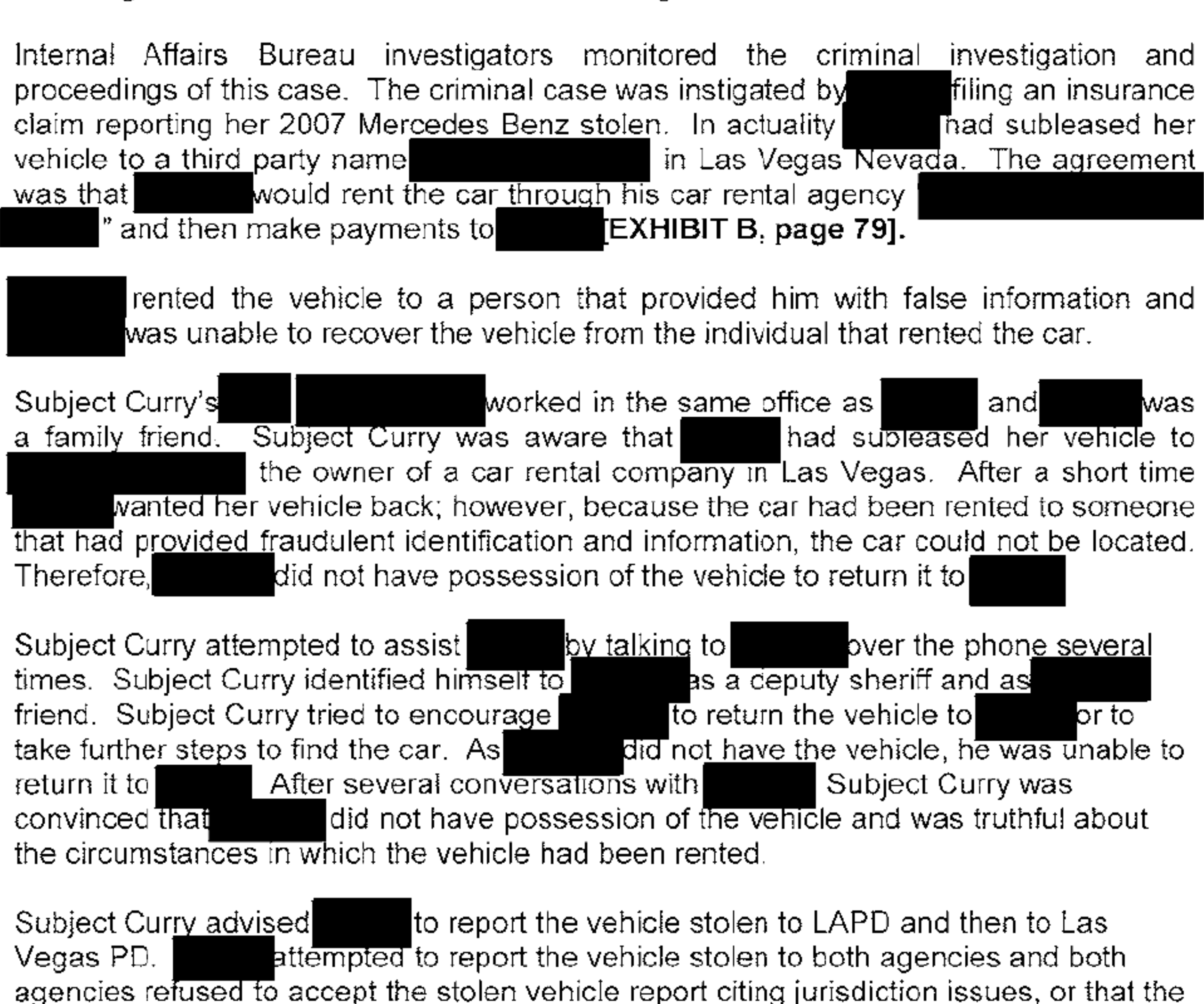
Deputy Curry is a [redacted] at West Hollywood Station and was riding with his [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Deputy Curry directed Deputy [redacted] to write a CHP-180 report, which indicated that a vehicle registered to [redacted] was stolen in West Hollywood's station area.

Deputy Curry and the registered owner, [redacted] were friends. Deputy Curry knew the circumstances of [redacted] vehicle, and the fact that the vehicle was not stolen from West Hollywood. Deputy Curry signed [redacted] name to the report and submitted it to records where the vehicle was entered into the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS).

Sometime later the vehicle was recovered and an arrest made. After the insurance claim investigation was conducted, it became a criminal investigation regarding insurance fraud. During this criminal investigation, Deputy Curry was interviewed by National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) investigators and made statements that were not truthful. Moments later, Deputy Curry, on his own accord, recounted his initial statement and told the criminal investigators the truth surrounding his involvement.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU INVESTIGATION

California Highway Patrol and National Insurance Crime Bureau conducted a criminal investigation regarding this incident. Both investigating units conducted interviews of involved parties and witnesses. CHP conducted audio recorded interviews of involved parties and witnesses. A review of these recorded statements confirmed that the CHP investigator's summaries are accurate. For a summary of the statements given, refer to CHP's investigation book ***(Exhibit B).*** *For the complete and detailed statements refer to the digital audio files included with this investigation.*



Internal Affairs Bureau investigators monitored the criminal investigation and proceedings of this case. The criminal case was instigated by [redacted] filing an insurance claim reporting her 2007 Mercedes Benz stolen. In actuality [redacted] had subleased her vehicle to a third party name [redacted] in Las Vegas Nevada. The agreement was that [redacted] would rent the car through his car rental agency [redacted]" and then make payments to [redacted] **[EXHIBIT B, page 79].**

[redacted] rented the vehicle to a person that provided him with false information and [redacted] was unable to recover the vehicle from the individual that rented the car.

Subject Curry's [redacted] [redacted] worked in the same office as [redacted] and [redacted] was a family friend. Subject Curry was aware that [redacted] had subleased her vehicle to [redacted] the owner of a car rental company in Las Vegas. After a short time [redacted] wanted her vehicle back; however, because the car had been rented to someone that had provided fraudulent identification and information, the car could not be located. Therefore, [redacted] did not have possession of the vehicle to return it to [redacted]

Subject Curry attempted to assist [redacted] by talking to [redacted] over the phone several times. Subject Curry identified himself to [redacted] as a deputy sheriff and as [redacted] friend. Subject Curry tried to encourage [redacted] to return the vehicle to [redacted] or to take further steps to find the car. As [redacted] did not have the vehicle, he was unable to return it to [redacted] After several conversations with [redacted] Subject Curry was convinced that [redacted] did not have possession of the vehicle and was truthful about the circumstances in which the vehicle had been rented.

Subject Curry advised [redacted] to report the vehicle stolen to LAPD and then to Las Vegas PD. [redacted] attempted to report the vehicle stolen to both agencies and both agencies refused to accept the stolen vehicle report citing jurisdiction issues, or that the circumstances were a civil matter.

Subject Curry was aware that [redacted] had unsuccessfully attempted to report the vehicle stolen first to LAPD and then to Las Vegas PD.

Curry generated a CHP-180 **[EXHIBIT B, page 69]** indicating the vehicle had been stolen from a location in West Hollywood, in an effort to have the vehicle's Lo-Jack tracking system activated. Deputy Curry had his [redacted] Deputy [redacted] fill out the CHP-180 with information he provided to her regarding [redacted] and the vehicle. Subject Curry used a "Trader Joe's" parking lot in West Hollywood as the location of theft. Deputy Curry took the CHP-180 from Deputy [redacted], and outside of her presence, he signed [redacted] name to the report. The report was processed and vehicle was entered as a stolen vehicle into the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS).

Subject Curry gave the information indicated on the report such as the date, time, and location of theft to [redacted]. [redacted] filed an insurance claim with her insurance company (Mercury Insurance) reporting her vehicle stolen.

The vehicle was later observed by law enforcement occupied in Arizona, and an arrest was made. The vehicle was stored at a local tow yard and [redacted] went to Arizona, from Las Vegas, and claimed the vehicle. The vehicle was released to him based on the signed agreement between he and [redacted]

When the insurance company representative called the tow yard to inquire about the vehicle being released to the insurance company, they were advised the vehicle had already been released. The insurance company contacted [redacted] to inquire about the recovery of her vehicle and [redacted] advised the insurance company that she did not have possession of the vehicle. Further inquiry was done and the insurance company found out the car had been released to [redacted] Mercury Insurance called [redacted] and inquired about her knowledge of [redacted]. [redacted] denied knowing [redacted] or giving him permission to take the car.

Based on [redacted] denial of knowledge of [redacted] the car was then re-entered into SVS as a stolen vehicle. A Nevada Highway Patrol officer received the Lo-Jack signal from [redacted] vehicle and located the car with [redacted] inside. The officer arrested [redacted] for vehicle theft. During his criminal proceedings, [redacted] provided proof of a contract with [redacted] and a valid claim to possession of the vehicle. The insurance company then referred the claim [redacted] filed to their Special Investigative Unit for a possible fraudulent claim.

The initial criminal investigation was started by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). When investigators from NICB initially interviewed Subject Curry, he denied knowing [redacted] and stated that the circumstances indicated in the CHP-180 report were factual. Moments later, Subject Curry gave a truthful statement to investigators from the NICB.

IAB note: The investigators that interviewed Subject Curry wrote a Memorandum of Interview report indicating a summary of Subject Curry's interview [EXHIBIT B, page 354]. The interview was not audio recorded.

Based on the determination that a crime had been committed, NICB passed the investigation over to the CHP Fraud Investigations Unit.

During the criminal investigation [redacted] denied any knowledge of [redacted] and continuously claimed her car was stolen as the circumstances indicated on the CHP-180. It was determined that the vehicle had not been stolen in West Hollywood. [redacted] was linked to [redacted] by his testimony, a signed contract, emails, and phone records. [redacted] was linked to Subject Curry by his testimony and phone records.

At the onset of the criminal investigation Deputy [redacted] was originally a suspect because her name was listed as the reporting officer on the CHP-180 report **[EXHIBIT B, page 69]**. During the criminal investigation Deputy Curry cooperated with the CHP investigator and the District Attorney's Office. Deputy Curry completely exonerated Deputy [redacted] stating that as a [redacted] she was only following the directions given to her by her [redacted]. Deputy Curry stated that Deputy [redacted] had absolutely no knowledge of what he was doing; that the circumstances of the report were false, and that he signed the CHP-180 for [redacted]. Based on statements from involved parties and evidence in the case, the CHP investigator removed any criminal suspicion against Deputy [redacted] and she became a witness only in their criminal investigation. Based on these findings the administrative investigation naming Deputy [redacted] as a subject was inactivated **[Refer to Inactivation Memorandum located in MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS].**

The criminal case was presented to the District Attorney's Office by the California Highway Patrol. The District Attorney's Office filed one count of felony "Insurance Fraud" and one count of felony, "Filing a False Report," against Deputy Curry.

During the criminal proceedings, Deputy Curry pled guilty to and was convicted of one count of misdemeanor, "Filing a False Report."

WITNESS INTERVIEW

Witness [redacted] was interviewed by National Insurance Crime Bureau investigators regarding her actions an observations during this incident. For a summary of their interview refer to **Exhibit B, page 352.**

Witness [redacted] was assigned to West Hollywood Station as a [redacted] She was working with [redacted] Andre Curry.

Witness [redacted] stated she was directed to fill out the CHP-180 **[EXHIBIT B, page 69]** with the information provided to her by Subject Curry.

As she was on [redacted] she did as she was directed. Witness [redacted] said Subject Curry provided her with the information for the report and she does not know where Deputy Curry got the information. Later during their shift Subject Curry took the report from her. Subject Curry left Witness [redacted] at the station and he disappeared for a while. Witness [redacted] was asked how [redacted] signature was obtained on the report. Witness [redacted] stated she did not know. Witness [redacted] figured Subject Curry went into the field to get the report signed. Subject Curry did not tell Witness [redacted] where he was going. When Subject Curry returned he gave the report to Witness [redacted] and it was turned in with several other reports.

Witness [redacted] said she was never flagged down by [redacted] and she never met with or talked to [redacted]

SUBJECT INTERVIEW

Subject Andre Curry was interviewed by National Insurance Crime Bureau investigators regarding his involvement in this incident. For a summary of their interview refer to **Exhibit B, page 354.**

Subject Curry was also interviewed by IAB investigators regarding this incident. For Subject Curry's complete and detailed statement refer to the verbatim transcripts included in this investigation and/or the audio file.

Subject Curry acknowledged that the circumstances indicated in the criminal case were accurate. Subject Curry admitted to knowing the circumstances of [redacted] vehicle and the fact that it was not stolen from West Hollywood Station's area. Subject Curry stated that he believed the vehicle was actually stolen based on the fraudulent circumstances in which it was rented from [redacted] Curry said his reasons for filing the false stolen vehicle report were solely to activate the vehicle's tracking system, so the vehicle could be located and returned to [redacted] Subject Curry stated he was only trying to help a friend. Subject Curry stated that he had no idea that [redacted] was going to report the theft to her insurance and/or file an insurance claim. Deputy Curry stated that he should have taken a courtesy report for Las Vegas PD and that he made a mistake by taking this course of action.

Deputy Curry exonerated Deputy [redacted] stating that Deputy [redacted] had no culpability or knowledge in this incident.

Deputy Curry stated that he did not initially communicate the truth of the circumstances to the NICB investigators because they were civilians and he did not know what they were investigating. Once the NICB investigators told Subject Curry that [redacted] had, from the beginning, set up to commit insurance fraud, Deputy Curry told them the truth

Subject Curry stated that he had no monetary interest in the vehicle and he did not seek to gain anything, in any form, from this incident.



Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

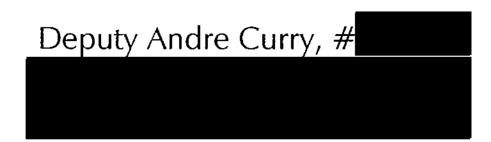
County of Los Angeles

Sheriff's Department Headquarters

4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169



June 21, 2011



Deputy Andre Curry, #[redacted]

Dear Deputy Curry:

You are hereby notified that it is the intention of the Sheriff's Department to suspend you without pay from your position of Deputy Sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with this Department for a period of thirty (30) days.

An investigation under IAB File Number 2243426, conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau, coupled with your own statements, has established the following:

1. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/030.05, General Behavior and/or 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders, on or about October 29, 2009, while assigned as a field training officer at West Hollywood Station, you caused a false stolen vehicle report (CHP 180) to be written when you became involved in a business dispute involving a personal friend that was deemed a civil matter by two separate law enforcement agencies. You were subsequently charged with one (1) felony count of 550(A)(1) P.C., Insurance Fraud and one (1) Felony count of 118.1 P.C., Filing a False Report. On August 30, 2010, you pled guilty to one (1) count of 118.1 P.C., Filing a False Report, a Misdemeanor. By your actions, you have brought discredit upon yourself and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

2. That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections 3-01/030.05, General Behavior; and/or 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards; and/or 3-01/000.10, Professional Conduct; and/or 3-01/100.35, False Information in Records; and/or 3-01/040.70, False Statements, on or about October 29, 2009, while assigned as a field training officer at West Hollywood Station, you failed to conform to the work standards established for your position as a deputy sheriff and/or behaved in such a manner as to bring discredit upon yourself and the Sheriff's Department, as evidenced by, but not limited to:

   a) directing your trainee, Deputy [redacted] to complete a CHP-180 Report containing false information about an alleged stolen vehicle belonging to [redacted] and/or instructing Deputy [redacted] to indicate the vehicle had been stolen from a location in West Hollywood when, in fact, it had not been stolen from West Hollywood, and/or;

   b) signing the CHP-180 report as being factual, and/or;

   c) signing [redacted] name on the report, and/or;

   d) allowing the vehicle to be entered into the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) as "stolen" knowing this to be untrue, and/or;

   e) providing [redacted] with the information contained in the CHP-180 report whereupon [redacted] filed a fraudulent insurance claim.

   Your actions of causing a false stolen vehicle report (CHP-180) to be written and processed, knowing the circumstances indicated in the report were untrue, is completely contrary to this Department's Core Values, Mission and Creed and as a deputy sheriff, it simply cannot be tolerated.

In taking this disciplinary action, your record with this Department has been considered, and a thorough review of the incident has been made by Department executives, including your Unit and Division Commanders.

You have the right to grieve this disciplinary action within ten (10) business days of receipt of this letter. Your grievance procedures may be found in your classification's negotiated Memorandum of Understanding.

Failure to respond to this Letter of Intent within ten (10) business days will be considered a waiver of your right to grieve and will result in the imposition of this discipline indicated herein.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Original Signed

Kelley S. Fraser, Captain
Commander, West Hollywood Station

KSF:JMG:md

c: Advocacy Unit
Employee Relations Unit
Cecil W. Rhambo Jr., Chief, Field Operations Region II
Internal Affairs Bureau
Office of Independent Review (OIR)
(File # IAB 2243426)

LAW ENFORCEMENT FELONY FILING WORKSHEET

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AGENCY/DIV/UNIT	**FILING OFFICER**	**SERIAL NO.**	**AGENCY FILE NO./CITATION NO.**	**JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
DOI	DEYO	15821		

DEF. NO.	DEFENDANT NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE)	AKA(S)
1	[redacted]	
	☐ GANG MEMBER NAME OF GANG	

SEX (M/F)	DOB	IF DEFENDANT UNDER 18 KEY CODE	C.I.I. NO.	BOOKING NO.	CASH SEIZED EXCEEDS:	ARREST DATE
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DEF. NO.	DEFENDANT NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE)	AKA(S)
2	CURRY, ANDRE SHAALAN	
	☐ GANG MEMBER NAME OF GANG	

SEX (M/F)	DOB	IF DEFENDANT UNDER 18 KEY CODE	C.I.I. NO.	BOOKING NO.	CASH SEIZED EXCEEDS:	ARREST DATE
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY USE ONLY - CHARGES

F/M	CT NO.	CHARGE NAME	CODE & SECTION	FORM NO.	DEF. NO.	OFFENSE DATE(S)	PLEADING TEXT
F	1	INSURANCE FRAUD	PC 550(a)(1)	F0	1,2	Between Sept 16, 2007 & Jan 1, 2008	
F	2	INSURANCE FRAUD	PC 550(a)(4)	F0	1	"	
F	3	INSURANCE FRAUD	PC 550(b)(3)	F0	1	"	
M	4	FILING A FALSE REPORT	PC 118.1	F0	2	"	

CONDUCT ENHANCEMENTS (e.g., Weapons, GBI, Gang, Quantity, Special Circumstances)

CODE & SECTION	FORM NO.	CT. NO.	DEF. NO.	PLEADING TEXT

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LAW ENFORCEMENT FELONY FILING WORKSHEET

WITNESS LIST

NON-CIVILIAN WITNESSES

* TYPE	↓ REQUIRED FOR PRELIM	NAME (Last, First)	ID NUMBER	AGENCY	DIV/UNIT	CONTACT INFORMATION PHONE/E-MAIL
I	☐	[redacted]				
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	☐	CHEMIST	LAB RECEIPT #			

CIVILIAN WITNESSES

☐ NAME: DOB: BUSINESS NAME:
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☐ Interpreter Needed Type ____

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MINOR WITNESS

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☐ IF MINOR OVER 12 - SUB MINOR & PARENT/GUARDIAN
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DMV

ORDER DMV ABSTRACT	DL/ID NUMBER	CITATION DATE	COURT DATE
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.LIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
FRAUD DIVISION

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

CASE NO: 08HU004888
FRAUD TYPE: 220

SUSPECT:

ROLE / OCCUPATION	NAME (Last, First Middle) / EMPLOYER	DOB
Insured / Unknown	[redacted]	[redacted]

CRIME INFORMATION:

DATE OF CRIME	ENDING DATE	DISCOVERY DATE	SUSPECTED CHARGE	CHARGE DEFINED
11/04/2007		03/24/2008	PC 550 (a) (1)	Knowingly Present Fraudulent Insurance Claim
11/04/2007		03/24/2008	PC 550 (a) (4)	Motor Vehicle: False Claim
12/05/2007		03/24/2008	PC 550 (a) (5)	False written document in support of False Claim
11/04/2007		03/24/2008	PC 550 (b) (1)	Insurance Claim; False or Misleading statement
10/27/2007		03/24/2008	PC 182 (a) (1)	Criminal Conspiracy
10/29/2007		03/24/2008	PC 115(a)	Procure False or Forged Intsrument
11/08/2007		03/24/2008	PC 550(b)(3)	Misrepresentation of a Material Fact

SUSPECT:

ROLE / OCCUPATION	NAME (Last, First Middle) / EMPLOYER	DOB
Other / Deputy Sheriff	[redacted] / LA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	[redacted]

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DATE OF CRIME	ENDING DATE	DISCOVERY DATE	SUSPECTED CHARGE	CHARGE DEFINED
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02/18/2009		03/25/2008	PC 550 (b) (1)	Insurance Claim; False or Misleading statement
10/27/2007		03/25/2008	PC 182 (a) (1)	Criminal Conspiracy
10/29/2007		03/25/2008	PC 115(a)	Procure False or Forged Instrument to be Presented
01/18/2009		03/25/2008	PC 550(b)(3)	Misrepresentation of a Material Fact

VICTIM INFORMATION:

NAME / CARRIER	ADDRESS & PHONE
MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY C/O MICHAEL LAMB	P.O. BOX 5800 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91729 (909) 919-7050

.ALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
FRAUD DIVISION
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

CASE NO: 08HU004888
FRAUD TYPE: 220

CLAIM INFORMATION:

CLAIM NUMBER	DATE OF LOSS	LOCATION OF LOSS	AMOUNT PAID	TOTAL LOSS	TOTAL RESERVE
2007001700563388	10/29/2007	WEST HOLLYWOOD			$81,503

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:

The Investigation disclosed that [redacted] entered into a sub-lease contractual agreement with [redacted] owner of [redacted] in Las Vegas. [redacted] could not financially sustain her monthly car payments of $1390.73. [redacted] would receive some of the proceeds that were generated from the rentals so she could meet her monthly obligations.

While [redacted] possessed the Mercedes, he rented the vehicle to a customer who did not return it. [redacted] and [redacted] tried to report the Mercedes stolen to law enforcement in Los Angeles, and in Las Vegas. Law enforcement in both jurisdictions, determined [redacted] situation was a civil matter, not a criminal matter, and no theft report was taken.

[redacted] spoke to her friend, Los Angeles County Sheriff's (LASO) Deputy, Andre Curry. [redacted] explained her situation to Curry. Curry agreed to do a favor for [redacted] by getting her car back, and they fabricated a story. Curry used his unsuspecting trainee, and partner, Deputy [redacted] to fill out a stolen vehicle theft report. Curry gave [redacted] the fabricated theft details, and [redacted] filled out the report.

Curry signed [redacted] name to the report, and it was submitted and entered the NCIC SVS. As a result of the false police report, two people innocent of auto theft were arrested, [redacted] in Arizona, and [redacted] in Nevada. [redacted] presented a fraudulent insurance claim to Mercury Insurance. [redacted] claimed that she parked and locked her Mercedes and went shopping. When [redacted] returned to her car, she found her car missing. [redacted] claimed that she flagged down a passing police car and made the report. The Investigation also disclosed that [redacted] had renewed her Mercury Insurance policy 7 days before the Mercedes was placed into the SVS.

Cell phone records were obtained through search warrants. [redacted] cell phone records indicated that she was in New York the day she claimed her car was stolen. Telephone call detail records proved a connection between Curry, his [redacted] and [redacted] disputed [redacted] claim that she was flagged down. [redacted] had never met, or, spoke to [redacted] Curry confessed to NICB Special Agents his relationship with [redacted] and that the theft report was false.

REPORTING INVESTIGATOR	BADGE NUMBER	SUPERVISOR APPROVING	BADGE NUMBER
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SIGNAT[redacted]	DATE 7/9/2010	SIGN[redacted]	DATE 07/09/10



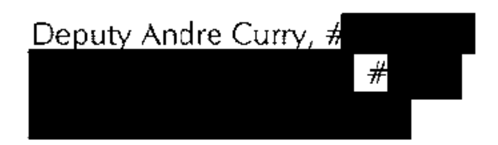
Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters

4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169



August 3, 2011

Deputy Andre Curry, # [redacted]


Dear Deputy Curry:

On June 21, 2011, you were served with a Letter of Intention, indicating your right to respond to the Sheriff's Department's pending disciplinary action against you, as reported under IAB File Number 2243426. You were also advised of your right to review the material on which the discipline was based.

You did not exercise your right to respond. The grievance period involved has now elapsed, with no change in discipline.

You are hereby notified that you are suspended without pay from your position of Deputy Sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with this Department for a period of thirty (30) days effective August 7, 2011 through September 5, 2011.

An investigation under File Number IAB 2243426, conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau, coupled with your own statements, has established the following:

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Your actions of causing a false stolen vehicle report (CHP-180) to be written and processed, knowing the circumstances indicated in the report were untrue, is completely contrary to this Department's Core Values, Mission and Creed and as a deputy sheriff, it simply cannot be tolerated.

In taking this disciplinary action, your record with this Department has been considered, and a thorough review of this incident has been made by Department executives, including your Unit and Division Commanders.

You will hereby take notice that any future acts of misconduct may result in more severe disciplinary action.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Original Signed

Kelley S. Fraser, Captain
Commander, West Hollywood Station

Note: Attached for your convenience are excerpts of the applicable areas of the Manual of Policy and Procedures.

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